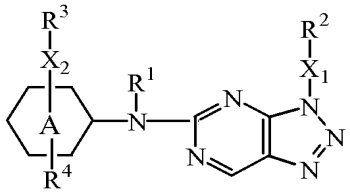
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula



(I),

a pharmaceutically acceptable addition salt, a quaternary amine or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, wherein

ring A is phenyl;

R^1 represents hydrogen; aryl; formyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with formyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; or C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl optionally substituted with C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl;

X_1 represents a direct bond; $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$ or $-(CH_2)_{n4}-X_{1a}-X_{1b}-$;

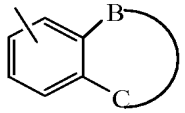
with n_3 representing an integer with value 1, 2, 3 or 4;

with n_4 representing an integer with value 1 or 2;

with X_{1a} representing O, C(=O) or NR^5; and

with X_{1b} representing a direct bond or C_{1-2}alkyl;

R^2 represents C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; phenyl; a 4, 5, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; benzoxazolyl or a radical of formula



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wherein –B-C- represents a bivalent radical of formula

$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$ (b-1);

$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$ (b-2);

$-X_3-CH_2-CH_2-(CH_2)_n-$ (b-3);

$-X_3-CH_2-(CH_2)_n-X_3-$ (b-4);

$-X_3-(CH_2)_{n'}-CH=CH-$ (b-5);

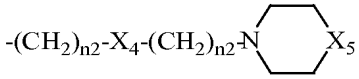
$-CH=N-X_3-$ (b-6);

with X_3 representing O or NR^5;

n representing an integer with value 0, 1, 2 or 3;

n' representing an integer with value 0 or 1;

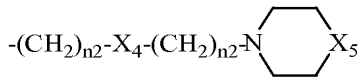
wherein said R^2 substituent, where possible, may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; polyhalo-C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{1-6}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; aryloxy; arylthio; arylcarbonyl; arylC_{1-4}alkyl; arylC_{1-4}alkyloxy; NR^6R^7; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; -S-CN; $-NR^5$-CN; oxazolyl optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl; imidazolyl optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl; or



with n2 representing an integer with value 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
with X_4 representing O, NR^5 or a direct bond;
with X_5 representing O, CH_2, CHOH, $CH\text{-}N(R_5)_2$, NR^5 or $N\text{-}C(=O)\text{-}C_{1-4}$alkyl;

X_2 represents a direct bond; $-NR^1-$; $-NR^1-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; -O-; $-O-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; -C(=O)-; $-C(=O)-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; $-C(=O)-NR^5-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; -C(=S)-; -S-; $-S(=O)_{n1}-$; $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$;

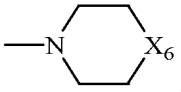
$-(CH_2)_{n4}-X_{1a}-X_{1b}-$; $-X_{1a}-X_{1b}-(CH_2)_{n4}-$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-NR^5-(CH_2)_{n3}-NR^5-$; or $-S(=O)_{n1}-NR^5-(CH_2)_{n3}-$;

R^3 represents a 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N, or a 9-or 10-membered bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N, wherein said R^3 substituent, where possible, may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; NR^6R^7; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; -S-CN; $-NR^5-CN$; or  ; and in case R^3 represents a saturated or a partially saturated 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N, said R^3 may also be substituted with at least one oxo;

R^4 represents hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^9R^{10}, $-C(=O)-NR^9R^{10}$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^9R^{10}$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{11}$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{11}$; C_{2-4}alkenyl or C_{2-4}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^9R^{10}, $-C(=O)-NR^9R^{10}$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^9R^{10}$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{11}$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{11}$; polyhaloC_{1-3}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxy optionally substituted with carboxyl; polyhaloC_{1-3}alkyloxy; C_{1-4}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-3}alkylthio;

C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl; nitro; cyano; carboxyl; NR^9R^{10}; $C(=O)NR^9R^{10}$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^9R^{10}$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{11}$; $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{11}$; -S-CN; or $-NR^5-CN$;

R^5 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{2-4}alkenyl;

R^6 and R^7 each independently represent hydrogen; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyloxy or carboxyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{3-7}cycloalkylcarbonyl; adamantanylcarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl-NR^5-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$, $C(=O)NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ or  ; with X_6 representing O, CH_2, CHOH, $CH-N(R_5)_2$, NR^5 or N-C(=O)-C_{1-4}alkyl;

R^{6a} and R^{7a} each independently represent hydrogen; C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl;

R^8 represents C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy; polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl or NR^6R^7;

R^9 and R^{10} each independently represent hydrogen; C_{1-6}alkyl; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyl; or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl-NR^5-;

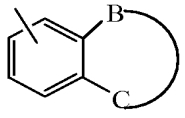
R^{11} represents C_{1-4}alkyl or NR^9R^{10};

n1 represents an integer with value 1 or 2;

aryl represents phenyl or phenyl substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, cyano, nitro, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl or polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein

R^2 represents C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; phenyl or a 4, 5, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; or a radical of formula



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wherein –B-C- represents a bivalent radical of formula

$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$ (b-1);

$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$ (b-2);

$-X_3-CH_2-CH_2-(CH_2)_n-$ (b-3);

$-X_3-CH_2-(CH_2)_n-X_3-$ (b-4);

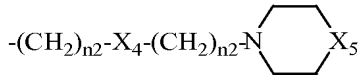
$-X_3-(CH_2)_{n'}-CH=CH-$ (b-5);

with X_3 representing O or NR^5;

n representing an integer with value 0, 1, 2 or 3;

n' representing an integer with value 0 or 1;

wherein said R^2 substituent, where possible, may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with carboxyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; NR^6R^7; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; -S-CN; $-NR^5$-CN; or



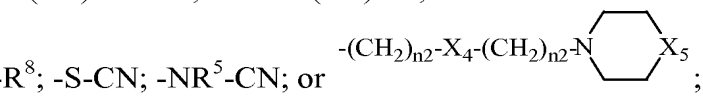
with n2 representing an integer with value 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

with X_4 representing O, NR^5 or a direct bond;

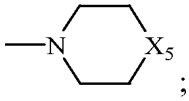
with X_5 representing O or NR^5;

X_2 represents a direct bond; $-NR^1-$; -O-; -C(=O)-; -C(=S)-; -S-; $-S(=O)_{n1}-$; $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; or $-(CH_2)_{n4}-X_{1a}-X_{1b}-$;

R^3 represents a 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N, wherein said R^3 substituent, where possible, may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$, $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$ or $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with carboxyl;

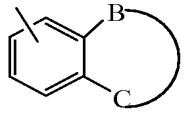
polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylthio; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; NR^6R^7; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$; $-NR^5-C(=O)-R^5$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; $-NR^5-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; -S-CN; $-NR^5-CN$; or  ; and in case R^3 represents a saturated 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N, said R^3 may also be substituted with at least one oxo;

R^5 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4}alkyl;

R^6 and R^7 each independently represent hydrogen; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyl; C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl-NR^5-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$, $C(=O)NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ or  ;

R^8 represents C_{1-4}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl or NR^6R^7.

3. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R^1 represents hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl; X_1 represents a direct bond or $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; R^2 represents C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; phenyl; a 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; benzoxazolyl; or a radical of formula

 (a-1)

wherein –B-C- represents a bivalent radical of formula

$–CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$ (b-1);

$-X_3-CH_2-(CH_2)_n-X_3-$ (b-4);

$-CH=N-X_3-$ (b-6);

with X_3 representing O or NR^5;

n representing an integer with value 1;

wherein said R^2 substituent, where possible, may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent, in particular with 1 or 2 substituents selected from halo; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, NR^6R^7 or $-C(=O)-NR^6R^7$; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylthio; C_{1-6}alkyl-

oxycarbonyl; cyano; arylthio; aryloxy; arylcarbonyl; NR^6R^7; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; or imidazolyl optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl; X_2 represents a direct bond; $-NR^1-$; $-O-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; $-C(=O)-$; $-C(=O)-NR^5-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; or $-S(=O)_{n1}-NR^5-(CH_2)_{n3}-NR^5-$; R^3 represents a 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N, wherein said R^3 substituent, where possible, may optionally be substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo; hydroxy; C_{1-6}alkyl; or NR^6R^7; and in case R^3 represents a saturated or a partially saturated 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N, said R^3 may also be substituted with at least one oxo; R^4 represents hydrogen; nitro or carboxyl; R^5 represents hydrogen; R^6 and R^7 each independently represent hydrogen; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{3-7}cycloalkylcarbonyl; adamantanylcarbonyl; or C_{1-6}alkyl; R^8 represents NR^6R^7; n1 represents an integer with value 2; aryl represents phenyl.

4. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R^1 is hydrogen; X_1 is a direct bond or $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; R^2 is indanyl; 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxanyl; phenyl optionally being substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each independently being selected from C_{1-6}alkyl which may optionally be substituted with hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, NR^6R^7 or $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; C_{1-6}alkyloxy; halo; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl which may optionally be substituted with hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, NR^6R^7 or $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; cyano; NR^6R^7; $C(=O)NR^6R^7$; $-S(=O)_{n1}-R^8$; X_2 is direct bond; $-NR^1-$; $-O-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; $-C(=O)-$; $-C(=O)-NR^5-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; or $-(CH_2)_{n3}-$; R^3 is tetrazolyl; piperazinyl; imidazolyl; oxazolyl; pyrimidinyl; thiazolyl; triazolyl; pyridyl; piperidinyl, pyrazinyl; pyrazolyl or morpholinyl; said rings representing R^3 may optionally be substituted with one substitutent selected from C_{1-6}alkyl; NR^6R^7; hydroxy; halo; and in case R^3 represents a saturated or a partially saturated ring system, said R^3 may also be substituted with at least one oxo; R^4 is hydrogen; R^6 and R^7 each independently represent hydrogen; cyano; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl optionally substituted with C_{1-4}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; C_{3-7}cycloalkylcarbonyl; or C_{1-6}alkyl; R^8 represents NR^6R^7.

5. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein the R^3 substituent is linked to ring A in meta position compared to the NR^1 linker.

6. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein the R^3 substituent is linked to ring A in para position compared to the NR^1 linker.

7. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein the R^3 substituent is an optionally substituted saturated 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N.

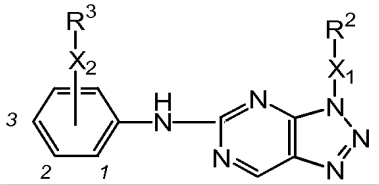
8. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein X_1 represents a direct bond.

9. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R^2 represents C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; phenyl; a 4, 5, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; benzoxazolyl or a radical of formula (a-1) wherein said R^2 substituent is substituted with at least one substituent selected from C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with NR^6R^7; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each substituted with NR^6R^7; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl substituted with NR^6R^7; C_{1-6}alkyloxy substituted with NR^6R^7; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy substituted with NR^6R^7; or NR^6R^7.

10. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R^3 represents a 5-or 6-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N, or a 9-or 10-membered bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N, wherein said R^3 substituent is substituted with at least one substituent selected from C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with NR^6R^7; C_{2-6}alkenyl or C_{2-6}alkynyl, each substituted with NR^6R^7; C_{1-6}alkyloxy substituted with NR^6R^7; or NR^6R^7.

11. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R^2 represents C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; phenyl; a 4, 5, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; benzoxazolyl or a radical of formula (a-1), wherein said R^2 substituent is substituted with at least one substituent selected from halo; polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxy-C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, -C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -S(=O)$_{n1}$-R^8 or –NR^5-S(=O)$_{n1}$-R^8; polyhalo-C_{1-6}alkyloxy optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyloxy, NR^6R^7, -C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -NR^5-C(=O)-NR^6R^7, -S(=O)$_{n1}$-R^8 or –NR^5-S(=O)$_{n1}$-R^8.

12. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from



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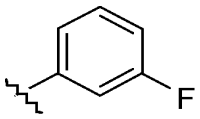
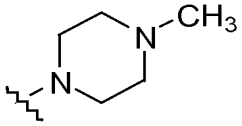
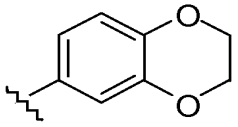
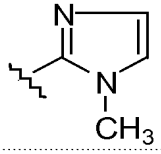
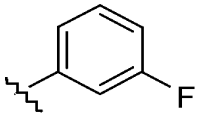
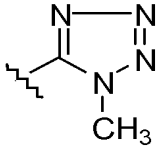
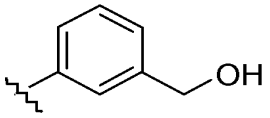
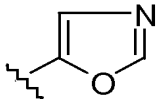
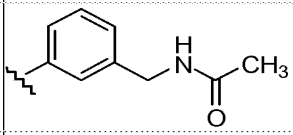
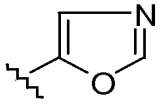
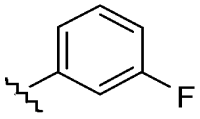
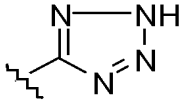
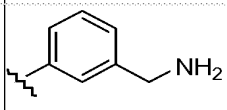
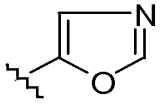
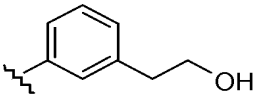
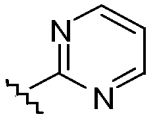
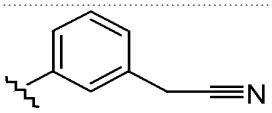
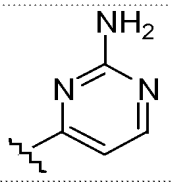
db		2-db	
db		2-db	
db		2-db	
db		2-db	
db		2-db	
db		3-db	
db		2-db	
db		3-NH	
db		2-db	

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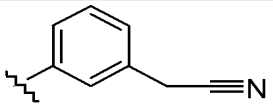
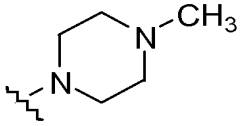
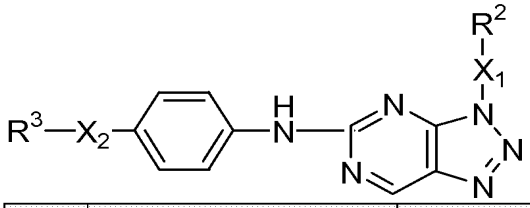
db		3-db	

a pharmaceutically acceptable addition salt, a quaternary amine or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof.

13. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from



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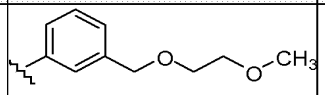
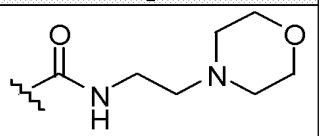
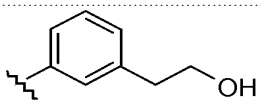
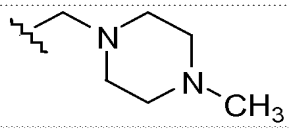
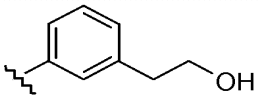
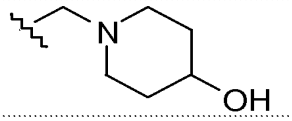
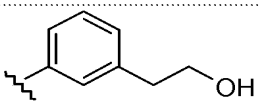
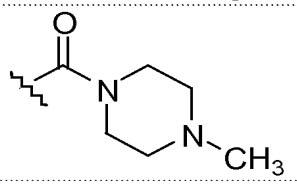
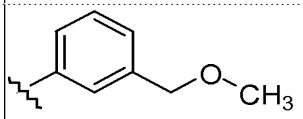
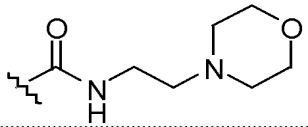
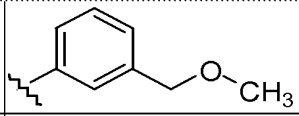
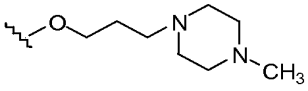
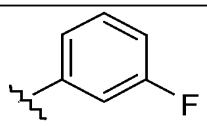
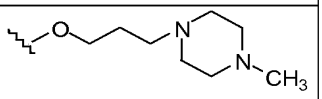
db		
db		
db		
db		
db		
db		
db		

a pharmaceutically acceptable addition salt, a quaternary amine or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof.

14. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1 and a pharmaceutical excipient.

15. (Canceled)

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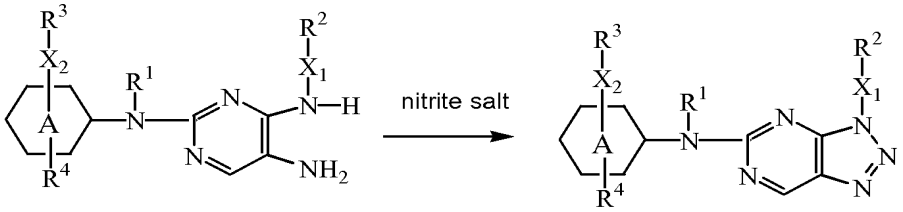
17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and as active ingredient ~~a therapeutically effective amount of~~ a compound as claimed in claim 1.

19. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition comprising mixing a compound as claimed in claim 1 with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

20. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, comprising

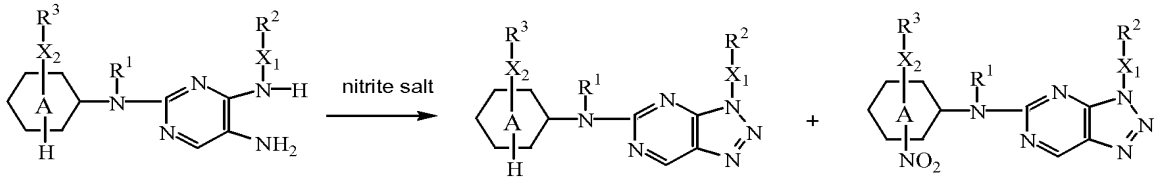
a) cyclizing an intermediate of formula (II) in the presence of a nitrite salt, a suitable solvent, and a suitable acid,



(II) (I)

wherein ring A, R^1 to R^4, X_1 and X_2 are as defined in claim 1;

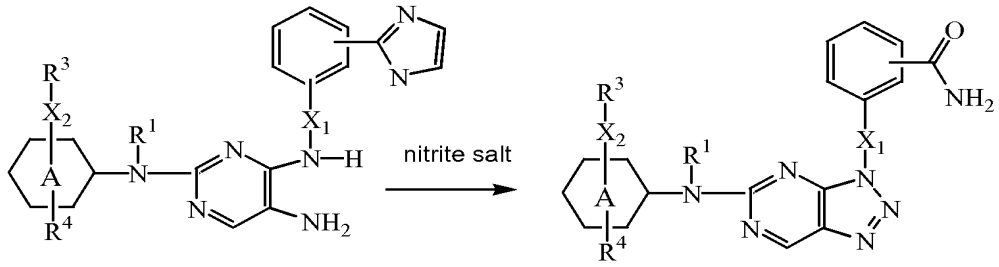
b) cyclizing an intermediate of formula (II-a) in the presence of a nitrite salt, a suitable solvent, and a suitable acid,



(II-a) (I-a) (I-b)

wherein ring A, R^1 to R^3, X_1 and X_2 are as defined in claim 1;

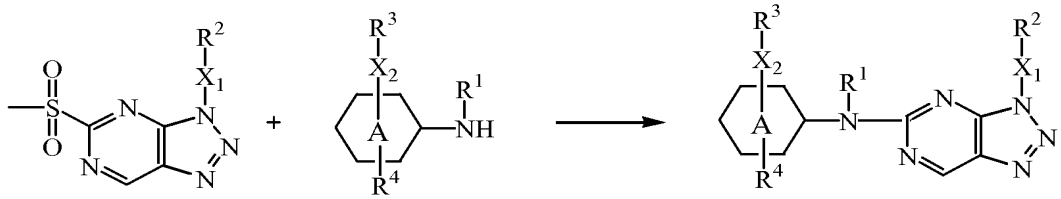
c) cyclizing an intermediate of formula (II-b) in the presence of a nitrite salt, a suitable solvent, and a suitable acid,



(II-b) (I-c)

wherein ring A, R^1, R^3 and R^4, X_1 and X_2 are as defined in claim 1;

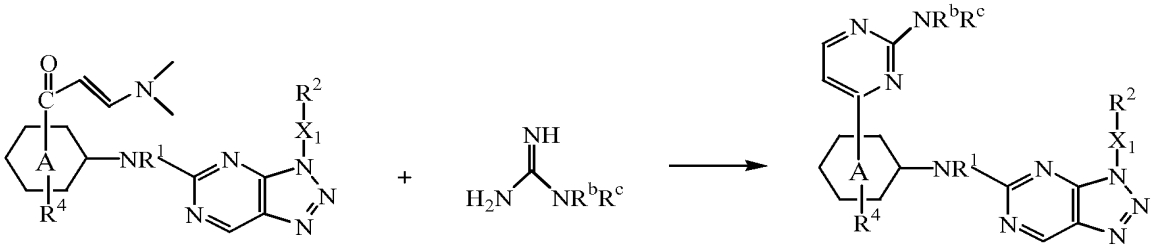
d) reacting an intermediate of formula (III) with an intermediate of formula (IV) in the presence of a suitable solvent,



(III) (IV) (I)

wherein ring A, R^1 to R^4, X_1 and X_2 are as defined in claim 1;

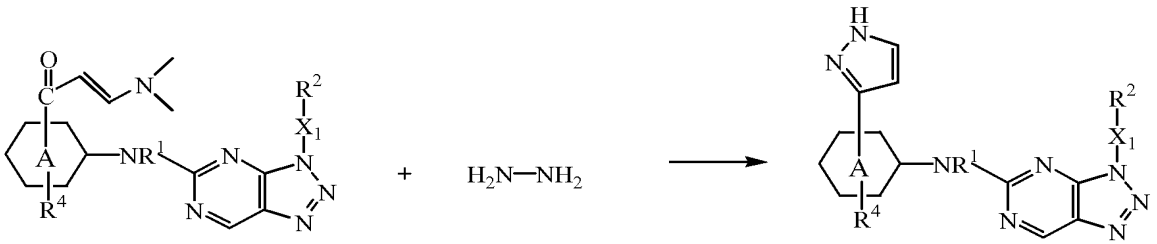
e) reacting an intermediate of formula (XV) with an intermediate of formula (XVI), wherein R^b represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or cyano, and R^c represents hydrogen or C_{1-4}alkyl, in the presence of a suitable solvent and a suitable salt



(XV) (XVI) (I-d)

wherein ring A, R^1 R^2, R^4 and X_1 are as defined in claim 1;

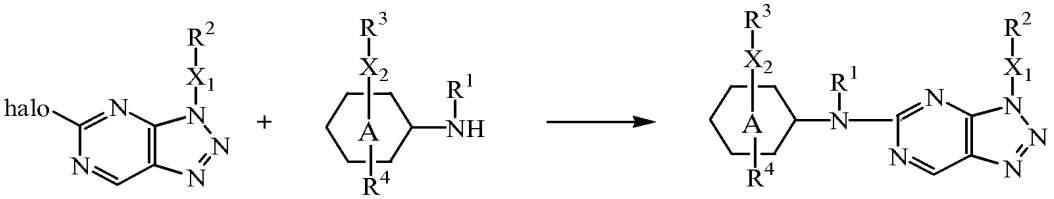
f) reacting an intermediate of formula (XV) with hydrazine in the presence of a suitable solvent,



(XV) (I-e)

wherein ring A, R^1 R^2, R^4 and X_1 are as defined in claim 1;

g) reacting an intermediate of formula (III') with an intermediate of formula (IV) in the presence of a suitable solvent, and optionally in the presence of a suitable base,



(III') (IV) (I)

wherein ring A, R^1 R^2, R^3, R^4, X_1 and X_2 are as defined in claim 1;

and optionally converting compounds of formula (I) into each other following art-known transformations, and further, optionally converting the compounds of formula (I), into a

therapeutically active non-toxic acid addition salt by treatment with an acid, or into a therapeutically active non-toxic base addition salt by treatment with a base, or conversely, converting the acid addition salt form into the free base by treatment with alkali, or converting the base addition salt into the free acid by treatment with acid; and, optionally preparing stereochemically isomeric forms or quaternary amines thereof.